Honble Sir, Min Jan 1976

Some time after my last to you I received an obliging visit from M' Bank who informed me more particularly of your define that the sermon at your Dear and's Freneral might be published - of your lequest that I would write to you - - and of your kind prefent to my Langther . . I should have immedically troubled you again, had we not been told on all hands that you was foon expected in Boston. _ But as we can hardly expect that pleasure at prefert, I cannot any longer omit my Thanks to your generofity and goodness ... I shall always esteem it a favor that my Daughter had folong an opportunity of being with Mrs Hancock, whose amiable example would charm almost any one to love Virtue and to practife it -

Mr Adams will be able to inform you of all you define to know from thefe parts, _ I with the times wore a better appeal. We must hope and pray for better. _ In God's time America will be made a quiet habitation. a land of liberty _ a land of knowlege _ I hope a land of leligion and vitue Every thing leads us to conclude that Providence hath fome great defign to accomplish in this part of the world. There is a fine scope for imagination but these prospects are more than imaginary. They are founded in reason

Honble Mr Hancock .

However a Christian must not please himself too much with any earthly good whether prefent or future. We are hastening to another state, where we shall bee that all is right - that all is wife - That all is good -

We have long expected your good Lady - Her Friends begin to think they Shall be disappointed. Whether the come this way or remain at a distance, I friendly with to you and to Her every comfort which the human mind is Espable of enjoying - In These Wifes mor that fincerely joins with

Sir Your obliged humble Servans

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